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“The Nuts and Bolts of Differentiated Instruction” – A Webinar Series

Both general education and special education teachers recognize the benefits of Differentiated Instruction but sometimes struggle with determining how to utilize the data in selecting the most appropriate and effective intervention or accommodation while maintaining core instruction and classroom management. This webinar series will provide practical strategies for the implementation of Differentiated Instruction. The webinars can be attended individually or the whole series. The webinars will be posted on the OPI website after the live webinar.

The webinars are free and no registration is required. The webinars will start at 3:30 p.m. and last about an hour each. One renewal unit will be offered for each live webinar.

Questions regarding this series can be sent to Nikki Sandve at nsandve@mt.gov or call (406) 444-0299.

September 23, 2009 - Setting the Stage: Introduction to Differentiated Instruction.

Learning Objectives:

1. Participants will be able to define the philosophy of a differentiated classroom.
2. Participants will learn about various learning style inventories, interest inventories, and curriculum assessment data to better design lessons for all students.

This webinar will be posted soon.

October 28, 2009 - Setting the Stage: Creating the Climate

Learning Objectives:

1. Participants will be provided with tools and resources that will enable them to begin differentiated instruction to challenge the gifted learner and coach the struggling learner.
2. Participants will analyze the type of classroom environment they establish and how various learners may respond to that environment.
3. Participants will explore ways to differentiate the environment for students who may not thrive in the type of environment established by the teacher.

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<http://connect.opi.mt.gov/dioct09/>

December 1, 2009 - Putting Differentiated Instruction in Science

Learning Objectives:

1. Participants will be able to develop short and long-range plans for implementation of differentiated instruction.
2. Participants will be able to implement instructional and assessment strategies that fit well with the science classroom.
3. Participants will be able to create effective lessons based on individual student needs.

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January 12, 2010 - Setting the Stage: Developing a Differentiated Lesson Plan

Participants will learn the key components in developing a differentiated lesson plan.

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<http://connect.opi.mt.gov/dijan10/>

January 21, 2010 - Differentiated Instruction in the High School English Class

Learning Outcomes:

1. Participants will gain a general understanding of Differentiated Instruction and how it can be implemented in the classroom.
2. Participants will see actual lessons for a high school English class which they may wish to adopt into their own curriculum.
3. Participants will learn strategies for developing lesson/unit plans adaptable to any curricular area.

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<http://connect.opi.mt.gov/dijan2110/>

February 11, 2010 - Going Beyond: Accommodations, Enrichment, and Interventions

Learning Objectives:

1. Participants will be able to define the difference between interventions, accommodations and modifications.
2. Examples and samples of accommodations that can be easily used will be provided.

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<http://connect.opi.mt.gov/difeb10/>

April 21, 2010 - Assessment in the Differentiated Classroom

Participants will learn various forms of assessments that can be used in a classroom using differentiated instruction.

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<http://connect.opi.mt.gov/diaprill10/>